



BARBERS AND COSMETOLOGY

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Q: Can I use my license from another state to practice in Virginia?

A: No. No person shall offer to engage in or engage in barbering, cosmetology, nail care or waxing without valid license issued by the Board, except as provided in §54.1-701. (Section 54.1-703)

2. Q: My renewal payment was 1 day late can the reinstatement fee be waived?

A: No. The date of receipt by the board or its agent is the date which will be used to determine whether or not it is on time. Any licensee who fails to renew within 30 days after the **expiration date on the license** shall be required to pay reinstatement fee. (18 VAC 41-30-180)

3. Q: May I apply for a temporary permit?

A: Yes. Persons meeting the qualifications set forth in the regulations may be issued a temporary permit. Please refer to section 18 VAC 41-30-90 of the Barbers and Cosmetology regulations.

4. Q: I need a letter of certification fast; if I come in with my certification fee may I wait for it to be processed?

A: No. Although staff makes every effort to get letters of certification out in five business days, officially, our turnaround time is 30 days. Certifications are done in the order they are received.

5. Q: How do I obtain licensure in another state?

A: Contact the state or jurisdiction you wish to become licensed in.

6. Q: How do I transfer my licensed from another state to Virginia?

A: Upon proper application to the board, any person currently licensed to practice as a **barber, cosmetologist, or nail technician** in any other state or jurisdiction of the United States and who has completed both a training program and a written and practical examination that is substantially equivalent to that required by these regulations, may be issued a barber, cosmetology, respectively, without an examination. (18 VAC 41-30-30)

A: Upon proper application to the board, any person currently licensed to practice as a **wax technician** or who is a licensed wax technician instructor in any other state or jurisdiction of the United States and who has completed both a training program and a written and practical examination that is substantially equivalent to that required by these regulations, may be issued a wax technician license or a wax technician instructor certificate, respectively, without an examination. The applicant must also meet the requirements set forth in 18 VAC 41-40-20.A. (Wax Technician Emergency regulation 18 VAC 41-40-30)

7. Q: Do I need a wax technician license to render waxing services

A: Yes. No person shall offer to engage in or engage in waxing without a license issued by the Board, except as provided in §54.1-701. (Section 54.1-703)

8. Q: Can a nail technician provide waxing services?

A: No. The nail technician must also be licensed as a wax technician in order to provide waxing services.

9. Q: Are Estheticians and Eletrologists licensed in Virginia?

A: No. Currently Estheticians and Eletrologists are not licensed in Virginia.

10. Q: Do I need a cosmetology license to offer facials?

A: No. Currently the Board does not regulate skin care.

11. Q: Do I need a license for tattooing and body piercing?

A: No. Statutory authority pertaining to tattoo and body piercing licensure goes into effect on **July 1, 2004.**

12. Q: Do I need a license to braid hair only?

A: Yes. No person shall offer to engage in hair braiding with out a valid license issued by the Board for Barbers and Cosmetology. Statutory authority provides qualifications for licensure by waiver of the examination from July 1, 2003 to July 1, 2004.

13. Q: Do I need to be a licensed cosmetologist to open up a cosmetology salon?

A: No. Persons who do not perform cosmetology services do not need a cosmetologist license to open a cosmetology salon. Any individual wishing to operate a cosmetology salon shall obtain a salon license in compliance with § 54.1-704.1 of the Code of Virginia. (18 VAC 41-30-120)

14. Q: May I provide cosmetology services in my home?

A: Yes, provided you have a current cosmetologist license and a current cosmetology salon license and are in compliance with the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, the Department of Health, any federal, state laws and local ordinances.

14. Q: How do I become an Apprentice?

A: For information regarding apprenticeships contact the Department of Labor and Industry in your area.

15. Q: How do I make an address change?

A: To submit an address change you may notify the board office by letter, e-mail, or make changes on the Board's website. Your notification should include your full name, profession, license number (if you know it), social security number, and old and new address.